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Loyal Orange Institution
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BRITISH NORTH AMERICA.

Adopted by the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge, in the Court House, in the Town of Brockville, Upper Canada, on the first day of January, 1830. Revised by the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge, at the Town of Belleville, U. C., in June 1846. Further revised by the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge, in the City of Hamilton, in June, 1850; and finally revised, confirmed, and settled, by the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge, at a meeting specially called for that purpose, at Barrie, in the County of Simcoe, U. C., on the 14th day of November, 1854, and adjourned to Toronto, the 22nd day of the same month and year.



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Loyal Orange Institution.

"Thou shalt teach men ordinances and laws, and shalt show them the way wherein they must walk, and the work they must do; moreover, thou shalt provide out of all the people, able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness, and place them to be rulers of thousands, and rulers of hundreds, and rulers of tens."
—*Exodus, c. xviii., vs. 20, 21.*

GENERAL DECLARATION.

At all times nothing can be more natural, and at this time nothing can be more reasonable, than that those who have common rights to protect and common interests to defend, should act together and know each other. It is by division, that the benevolent objects of true patriots are frustrated, and their best and noblest efforts for the public good defeated. In these distant but important appendages of our Great Empire, it must be obvious to every loyal and reflecting mind, that a union of intelligence, an increase of means, and a knowledge of each other are essential.

The LOYAL ORANGE INSTITUTION is formed by persons desirous of supporting, to the utmost of their power, the principles and practice of the CHRISTIAN RELIGION, to maintain the LAWS AND CONSTITUTION of the Country, afford ASSISTANCE TO DISTRESSED MEMBERS of the Order, and otherwise promote such laudable and benevolent purposes, as may tend to the due ordering of *Religion* and *Christian Charity*, and the supremacy of LAW, ORDER, and CONSTITUTIONAL FREEDOM.

Its Members associate in honor of *King William the III, Prince of Orange*, whose name they bear, and whose immortal memory they hold in reverence, tending as he did, under

Divine Providence, to the overthrow of the most oppressive bigotry, and the restoration of pure Religion and Liberty. They revere the Memory of that Immortal Prince, not only as a Patriot, a Constitutional Monarch, and a Hero, but also as a true Christian; and hope in the adoption of his name, to emulate his virtues, by maintaining RELIGION, without persecution, or trenching upon the rights of any.

The Orange Society lays no claim to exclusive Loyalty or exclusive Protestantism; but it admits no man within its pale whose principles are not Loyal, and whose creed is not Protestant.

Disclaiming an intolerant spirit, the Society demands as an indispensable qualification, without which the greatest and the wealthiest may seek admission in vain, that the candidate shall be believed to be incapable of persecuting or injuring any one, on account of his Religious opinions. The duty of every Orangeman being, to aid and defend ALL LOYAL SUBJECTS, of every Religious persuasion, in the enjoyment of their constitutional rights.

The Rules of the Society are open, not only to Members of the Institution, but to the whole community; there is no reserve, except the signs and symbols whereby Orangemen know each other; and these mysteries are essential to the proper qualification of the brotherhood, to the recognition of the Members, and the prevention of intrusion and imposture from strangers and enemies. The Association is general, not confined to any particular place, person, or nation, but extends itself wherever a Loyal Protestant Briton is to be found, to the remotest corners of the Globe, for the establishment of Protestant Faith and British Liberty, to the latest ages of posterity. The whole Institution is one neighborhood, within which every Orangeman is at home, in the farthest parts of the world; and such is the mechanism of the Association, that while its operations are thus extended, its every movement is alike felt and answered in every part.

In short, the Orange Institution, like a glorious moral luminary, is intended to pour its refulgence, not on one part

only of the ample circumference of the British dominions, but simultaneously on every portion, equally enlightening the whole periphery.

The Institution in these Colonies, can never be suppressed, but by means which would subvert the Constitution, and annihilate the connection with the Mother Country.

In many quarters, where the true nature of the Orange Institution is not properly known, its designs and objects have, by some, been misunderstood, and by others misrepresented. From the name it bears,—being connected in every one's mind with the history of parties in Ireland,—some are apt to suppose that its sphere is necessarily confined ; not reflecting that an instrument, which has been chiefly used in the Country of its birth to suppress Rebellion, repel Invasion, and secure Domestic Tranquillity, may be found equally efficacious to loyal men of all countries, in protecting their lives, liberties, and properties, in these Colonies. The Society is constituted upon the broadest principles of National Freedom. *It takes its stand upon the glorious principles of the Revolution of 1688*; it lays its foundation in the field of British Liberty; it disdains the badge of faction, and knows no emblem save the "*Altar and the Throne.*"

As the Prince of Orange was invited to England by a Coalition of Parties, who were united by a common sense of their sacred duty, to preserve their Religion and Liberties, so the Orange Society, named after that Immortal Prince, invites a similar combination, and calls upon the sons of Britain, to lay aside political feuds, and, like their illustrious ancestors, who signed and sealed the Great Covenant of Freedom, to sacrifice every private consideration, and establish a centralization of Freedom, upon such a comprehensive basis, as will enable every limb and fibre to receive vitality and nourishment from the parent stem.

QUALIFICATIONS ESSENTIAL FOR A MEMBER.

He should have a sincere love and veneration for his Almighty Maker, productive of those lively and happy fruits, righteousness and obedience to His commands; a firm and sted fast faith in the Saviour of the world, convinced that He is the only Mediator between a sinful creature and an offended Creator. His disposition should be humane and compassionate, and his behaviour kind and conciliatory: he should be an enemy to savage brutality and every species of unchristian conduct: a lover of rational and improving society: faithfully regarding the Protestant Religion, and sincerely desirous to propagate its precepts, (*i. e.*) charity and goodwill to all men. Zealous in promoting the honour, happiness, and prosperity of his Queen and Country: heartily desirous of success in those pursuits, yet convinced that God alone can grant them, He should have an hatred of cursing and swearing, and of taking the name of God in vain; he should use all opportunities of discouraging them among his brethren, and shun the society of all persons addicted to those shameful practices. Prudence should guide all his actions; temperance, sobriety, and honesty direct his conduct; and the laudable objects of the Association, be the motives of his endeavours.

Obligation of an Orangeman.

I, *A. B.*, do solemnly and voluntarily swear, that I will be faithful, and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Victoria, and to her lawful Heirs and Successors, in the Sovereignty of Great Britain and Ireland, and of these Provinces dependant on, and belonging to, the said Kingdom; so long as she or they shall maintain the Protestant Religion and the Laws of this Country: that I will, to the utmost of my power, defend them, against all traitorous conspiracies and attempts, which I shall know to be against her, or any of them: that I will steadily maintain the connexion between the Colonies of British America and the Mother Country, and be ever ready to resist all attempts to weaken British influence, or dismember the British Empire: that I will be true and faithful to every brother Orangeman in all just actions, neither wronging him, nor knowing him to be wronged or injured, without giving him due notice thereof, and preventing it, if in my power. I swear that I will ever hold sacred the name of our Glorious Deliverer, King William the Third, Prince of Orange; in grateful remembrance of whom, I solemnly promise (if in my power), to celebrate his victory over James at the Boyne, in Ireland, by assembling with my Brethren, in their Lodge Room, on the 12th day of July, in every year: I swear that I am not, nor ever will be, a Roman Catholic or Papist: that I never was, to my knowledge or belief, rejected in, or expelled from, any Orange Lodge: I further declare, that I will do my utmost, to support and maintain the Loyal Orange Institution; obey all regular summonses, and pay all just dues, (if in my power), and observe and obey the Constitution and Laws of the same: and, lastly, I swear, that I will always conceal, and never in any way whatsoever, disclose or reveal, the whole, or any part of the signs, words, or

tokens, that are now about to be privately communicated to me, unless I shall be duly authorised so to do by the proper Authorities* of the Orange Institution, of which I am now about to become a Member. So help me God, and keep me steadfast, in this my Orangeman's Obligation.

* The proper authorities here referred to, are a Warrant under the Great Seals of the Grand Lodge, or a Special Authority from a Grand Officer.

CONSTITUTION

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1. The Title of the Association is, "The Loyal Orange Institution of British North America."

2. It consists of an unlimited number of Members, whose admission must be regulated in strict accordance with the "Constitution and Laws," and whose principles must be duly vouched for, as being in conformity with the "General Declaration" and the "Qualifications essential for a Member."

3. No man but a sound Protestant, and a good subject of the British Empire, can be admitted a Member.

4. All candidates for admission must be certified to, as being at least eighteen years of age, and must be proposed by one and seconded by another member, at one meeting, and admitted or rejected at a subsequent one, except in cases of extreme necessity.

5. There are five Degrees, and no more, in the Order of Orangeism, namely: *Orange, Purple, Blue, Royal Arch Mark, and Royal Scarlet.*

6. A preparatory Order to the Orange, is instituted, called "CADETS OF ORANGEISM;" into which the Loyal and Protestant Youth of the country, under eighteen years of age are admitted; and who, if over that age, would be qualified for full communion with the Orange Body. The Master of the "Cadets'" Lodge to be selected by the Cadets themselves, at their regular annual meeting in December, in every year.

7. The Institution is divided into Private, District, and County Lodges, and is governed by a Grand Lodge.

8. No business connected with the affairs of the Institution can be transacted, except when the Lodge is regularly open, and guarded by a Tyler.

9. The Members of the Institution are divided into Private Lodges, in the manner hereinafter described.

10. No Candidate can be initiated except in open Lodge ; and no Lodge can be opened, without a Warrant from the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of British North America, for which one pound shall be paid.

11. All applications for new Warrants, shall set forth the name of the Brother who is to be made the Master, and also the place where the Lodge is to be held ; and which place cannot be changed without the sanction of the District Master ; provided that in all cases where persons are admitted to membership in the Institution, for the express purpose of forming a Lodge, the initiatory fees paid by them, shall be paid over to the new Lodge, so soon as the Warrant shall have been received.

12. Books of Forms, Rituals, and Charges, as published by the Grand Lodge, shall be alone used, none other being admissible or legal.

13. The Dress, Insignia, and other decorations of the various Orders, shall be such as (and none other than) shall be set forth in the book of Forms, Rituals, and Charges.

14. No decoration shall be worn in any Lodge, as appertaining to the Order, unless the bearer be strictly entitled thereto.

15. The forms of Certificates and Summonses, as given in the Schedule, and none other, shall be the forms used by the Institution.

16. That any Brother giving any of the Degrees, or part thereof, unless fully and duly authorized to give them, shall be deemed guilty of a violation of his obligation, and shall be dealt with accordingly.

17. That at least three months shall elapse between the conferring of each Degree, except where otherwise provided : and in no instance shall it be lawful to give any Degree out

of rotation ; nor shall it be lawful for any Member to receive a Degree out of his own Lodge, except by permission duly given.

18. All cases of complaint, are to be delivered in writing to the Master, who shall, without delay, hand over the same to the senior Committeeman of the Lodge, by whom a time and place shall be forthwith appointed, for a meeting of the Committee to investigate the particulars of the complaint. Both parties, (the complainant and party complained against), shall receive at least eight days' notice of such time and place; and the Brother complained against shall, at the same time, be furnished by the Secretary with a copy of the charge or complaint made against him. When the Committee meet they shall hear the statement of both sides, examine witnesses, and determine how far either or both parties may be wrong; and award the punishment they shall deem adequate to the offence. After the Committee shall have investigated the case, they shall draw up a brief statement of the same for the information of the Lodge, and embody their own opinion upon it, in the shape of resolutions: and the Lodge may adopt, reject, or modify the said decision, as a majority may determine. If either party should refuse to abide by the decision, they have the right of appeal, as provided for in the Constitution.

19. Any Brother who shall have incurred the penalty of expulsion, shall receive notice of his trial at least eight days before the day fixed,—such notice to be in writing. He shall have the right, under the signature of the Master, to compel the attendance of any Brother as a witness; and any Brother so summoned as a witness, failing to attend (without reasonable excuse) shall be deemed guilty of a breach of his obligation.

20. Should the Brother who is to take his trial fail to appear, and no sufficient reason be assigned, then the trial of the case shall be proceeded with, in the same manner as if he were actually present.

* 21. In issuing process for the trial of any delinquent, the

summons shall be signed by the Master, and countersigned by the Secretary. Each Lodge having the right to fix its own rate of charges and costs (if any) for such matters.

22. Expulsion shall take place for the following offences :

1st. For violating the obligations of Secrecy, of Signs, Passwords, or Lectures.

2nd. For violating the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Lodge.

3rd. For maliciously destroying or taking away the property of the Institution.

4th. For following any immoral or unlawful practices for a living, upon conviction before the Lodge.

5th. For any felony or high misdemeanor, upon conviction before a Jury, and for such other offences as the Lodge may decide, subject, in all cases, to the revision of the Grand Lodge.

23. The names of all persons expelled or suspended from the Society, are, in every case, to be transmitted by the County Lodge to the Grand Secretary, together with the cause of expulsion or suspension (as the case may be); and all Lodges shall make an annual return of the names, ages, and places of abode, and addition of their members.

24. Any member who shall utter, print, publish, or circulate, or who shall cause to be printed, published, or circulated, or be privy to the printing, publishing, or circulating, of any matter or thing derogatory to the Institution, or to the character of any of its Grand Officers, shall be deemed guilty of a violation of his obligation, and shall be expelled, or otherwise dealt with, as the majority of the Lodge shall determine.

25. Every Private, District, and County Lodge, shall and may make By-laws, for the good government and regulation of its own proceedings; provided such *By-laws* are not inconsistent with the "CONSTITUTION AND LAWS;" and all members of such Private, District, or County Lodges, (as the case may be), are bound to obey them.

26. All appointments in the Institution, of whatever nature soever, are subject to the approval of the Grand Lodge.

27. In all cases where parties may consider themselves aggrieved by the decision of any of the tribunals of the Institution, they shall have the right of appeal, in every instance, to the next highest tribunal, and so on to the Grand Lodge—*exempli gratia*—from a Private Lodge to the District, from the District to the County, and from the County to the Grand Lodge.

28. When a Brother appeals against a verdict, the proceedings and testimony shall be made out in full, by the Secretary, to enable the appeal to be fully gone into.

29. All applications for Warrants, should be made to the District Master, and through him to the County Master, thence to the Grand Officers; but no application shall be withheld by District or County Master. Where, in the opinion of either, the warrant should not be granted, he will accompany the application with his reasons for desiring the refusal.

30. The Grand Master, Deputy Grand Masters, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, Grand Chaplain, Grand Lecturer, and President of the Grand Committee, shall have the power to confer all the Degrees, but always in due rotation, as provided by the Constitution; but the Brethren upon whom the Degrees are thus conferred, shall be attached to some Lodge, then meeting under warrant. The power by this Regulation conferred on the Grand Officers, to curtail probationary time, to be used only in cases of necessity.

PRIVATE LODGES.

31. All Lodges must have a Master, a Deputy Master, a Treasurer, a Secretary, and, (as soon as possible), five Committeemen, to be chosen by the Lodge. These appointments to be made at the first regular meeting in December, in every year; and the Officers so chosen, shall enter upon the duties of their respective offices, (first taking the necessary oaths),

on the first regular meeting in January ensuing. *Provided*, that in every case where it may happen, that an election does not take place on the day appointed by the Constitution; or where a vacancy from any cause may occur, an election on a subsequent day, will be valid and effectual.

32. Upon the admission of a Member, his name, age, residence, profession, and place of birth, shall be duly recorded in the "*Register*" Book, of which one is to be kept in every Lodge.

33. Each Lodge shall pay 10s. annually to the Grand Lodge, and shall not receive the Annual until this Regulation be complied with.

34. Isolated Lodges,—that is, such Lodges as by reason of distance or any other circumstance, cannot be conveniently attached to any particular District,—are to communicate directly with the Grand Master, or, under his orders, to attach themselves to such County as he may direct.

35. One copy of the Book of Forms, Rituals, and Charges, shall be kept in the Lodge Room of each Lodge, and shall not be taken from the Chest, except for regular Lodge purposes, or for cases of Initiation or Installation.

36. One copy of the "*Constitution and Laws*" shall be kept in every Lodge, and shall be signed by all the Members thereof.

37. Any Brother misbehaving himself during Lodge hours, shall be liable to a fine, to be imposed by the Master, not to exceed 5s.

38. Any Brother who shall, on any occasion, or at any time, so conduct himself, as to bring discredit or dishonor upon the Institution, shall, upon conviction thereof, be subject to either fine, suspension, or expulsion, as the Lodge, upon the report of the Committee, shall determine.

39. No Brother shall leave the Lodge Room, after the Lodge is opened, without permission from the Master or Brother presiding; and any Brother violating this Rule, shall be summoned to appear at the next meeting, and shall be fined not less than 1s. 3d., nor more than 5s.

40. Any Member failing to attend, when summoned, shall thereafter be cited to appear before the Committee, who, after having investigated the charge, may adjudge the Brother to pay a fine not exceeding 10s, or to be suspended or expelled; judgment to be reserved for the decision of the Lodge.

41. All fines shall be ordered to be collected under the written authority of the Master.

42. Any Member suspended for the non-payment of dues or fines, shall pay the same, before he can be reinstated, having been previously notified of the amount thereof.

43. Each Lodge may appoint a Proxy, at any period, to attend the meetings of the Grand, the County, or the District Lodge, who may exercise all the functions, as the Representative of such Lodge.

44. No Proxy shall be entitled to vote, when the Master of such Lodge shall be present, or in case the Grand Lodge dues shall not have been paid up.

45. In all cases where the word "dues" is used, it shall be held to include all County, District, and Private Lodge, as well as Grand Lodge dues.

46. The Committee are empowered to try any case of defalcation, under the general Constitution and Laws, as well as under the By-Laws of Private Lodges; they are to enquire into the reputation of Candidates, whether specially submitted to them or not. They are to be guided as well by the By-Laws of their own Lodge, as by the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Lodge—the latter governing in all cases where provisions are made; and the report of such Committee may either be confirmed, amended, or rejected. The Committee shall, in all cases, report by resolution, which resolution shall set forth the conclusion they have arrived at, from the testimony before them, with their recommendation in the premises.

47. There shall be two Tylers to each Lodge, namely, an inside and an outside Tyler. The outside Tyler's post shall be outside the Lodge Room door, and he is to be appointed under the By-Laws of the Private Lodge; but he shall,

before taking his post, undergo examination by the Master, to see if he is duly qualified to examine all applicants for admission. The Grand Lodge will not object to any regulation, by which such outside Tylers may be paid.

48. After the Lodge is opened, no person shall be admitted without giving the Annual to the outside Tyler; and should any inside or outside Tyler admit any one without the Annual, or leave his post without permission, he shall be subject to such punishment as the Lodge shall award; nor shall he allow a Brother to leave the room without the sanction of the Master.

49. Any Member who shall be in default for six months, and who shall remain in default for one month after demand for payment has been made to him, shall be suspended or expelled, in the discretion of the Lodge.

50. It shall be the duty of the Master, or the Officer presiding at a Lodge, after the dues of the night have been collected, to call for a return of all those who have been six months in arrear, and direct the Treasurer to make a demand for payment: and it shall be the duty of the Treasurer to make such demand of payment, and report on every case at the next monthly meeting, when process shall be ordered to issue against all the defaulters, to appear before the next monthly meeting.

51. It shall not be lawful for any Member to absent himself, without excuse, from more than three regular monthly meetings, and upon the attention of the Master being called to the fact of a longer absence, he, the Master, shall cause the Member so offending, to be summoned to appear before the Committee, who shall report his case to the Lodge, and who shall take such action upon it, as they may deem advisable.

52. No Member of a Lodge shall absent himself from the December monthly meeting, unless by special permission of the Master, or in case of urgent necessity

53. Any person entering a Lodge Room in an improper state, shall be fined 1s. 3d. for the first offence, 2s. 6d. for the

second offence, and for the third offence, shall be brought up before the Lodge, and either suspended or expelled, as a majority shall determine.

54. Every Member, on entering, shall make a full stop in front of the Master, and give the sign of the Order then at work.

55. In case of a change of Officers, it shall be the duty of the Past Master, on the night of the Installation, to instal the Master elect, who shall then instal the other Officers of the Lodge, agreeable to the forms laid down in the Constitution and Laws.

56. In case of death or resignation of the Master elected by the Lodge, then the Deputy Master shall take his place, and the Senior Committee-man shall take the place of the Deputy Master, and the Lodge shall elect another Committee-man, who shall be the junior: the Committee-men rising by the vacancy: and in the same manner shall all other vacancies be filled, by calling the senior Committee-man to the vacant office—except the office of Secretary and Treasurer, in which case the Lodge shall make a new election.

57. All votes upon the admission of Members shall be *viva voce*; if there shall be over three negatives, the vote shall be considered conclusive; but if only three, or under, the vote shall be submitted to the Committee of the Lodge, whose decision, made known by report, shall be final.

58. The Master of the Lodge may at any time call a meeting of Emergency, taking care that all Members are, as far as possible, duly notified.

59. No Lodge can be opened unless at least five Members be present, or unless a Grand Officer is present. Previous to opening the Lodge, the Master shall cause every one in the room to be examined, and no one shall be allowed to remain while the Lodge is open, who is not fully qualified to pass himself as a Member of the Institution, or properly vouched for as such.

60. It shall not be lawful for any Lodge, to admit a Brother who is not a regular Member, nor allow one to deposite his

Certificate, when such Certificate has been obtained surreptitiously.

61. All the Officers shall be chosen by the Lodge, and the election shall be determined by a majority of the Members present.

62. The Annual shall be communicated by the Master of every Private Lodge to the Members of his Lodge, but he is strictly forbidden to communicate the same to any Member in default for his dues.

63. No Member shall receive the Annual at any Lodge but that of which he is a Member; nor shall any Master give the Annual to any Member of the Order, except to the Members of his own Lodge. Any Master or other Officer violating this order shall, upon conviction, be subject to expulsion, or such other punishment as the Lodge may deem meet.

64. It is the particular duty of the Master, to see that no Brother be advanced to a degree, who has been guilty of immoral or improper conduct, or who has not worthily, in all matters, conducted himself as he should have done, in the Degrees already conferred.

65. Any Member wishing to withdraw his Certificate, shall, in the first place, deposite the fee for the same, then, if the granting the Certificate be sanctioned by the Lodge, it may be made out and delivered forthwith; and in case of necessity, it may be made out and delivered by the Officers of the Lodge; but, in no case, shall it be retained longer than one month from the date of the application, and no demand for dues shall be made after a legal demand upon the Lodge for a Certificate; the Member demanding the same having previously paid all his just dues.

66. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep the records of his Lodge; to enter all the proceedings in the form they take place, in open Lodge, and shall obtain the Master's signature, at the end of each session, he, (the Secretary), counter-signing the same. He shall make out all returns, in manner provided by the Grand Lodge, and shall in all things conform to the Constitution and Laws in keeping his books and

entries, and to perform any other duties which his own Private Lodge may impose upon him.

67. The Treasurer shall receive all moneys, and shall balance his accounts as often as the By-Laws of his own Private Lodge shall direct, and shall, in no case, pay out money without the order or under the regulations of the Lodge. He shall also be the guardian of all the other property of the Lodge of which he is a Member, unless the Lodge may assign such duties to other Officers.

68. Every Member of the Order shall undergo a new election, whenever the Grand Lodge may deem it expedient; and he shall yearly do so, upon the communication of the Annual Password, as follows: the Lodge shall elect by ballot, five of its Members, who shall then proceed to readmit or reject the remaining Members of the Lodge, and each Member, as admitted, becomes qualified to proceed with the five original Members, to the further re-election or rejection of others. But no Master shall be at liberty to receive the Annual Password until he shall have first paid all the dues of his Lodge for such year; and he is strictly forbidden to communicate it to any Member of his Lodge, who may be in default of his dues.

69. When the Worshipful the Master is absent, then shall the Deputy Master preside; when both these are absent, then the senior Committee-man present; and in case of the absence of all five Committee-men, then the Lodge may elect one from amongst the Brethren in attendance, to preside.

70. The following shall be the order for business in a private Lodge:

1. The Lodge to be opened with Prayer.
2. The Lecture to be repeated.
3. Minutes of former Meeting read.
4. Candidates to be initiated.
5. Members to be proposed.
6. Public business, connected with the principles, honor, or prosperity of the Institution discussed.
7. Lecture repeated.
8. The Lodge closed with Prayer.

DISTRICT LODGES.

71. Each Township, or Union of Townships, (subject to the approval of the County Master,) shall be entitled to form a separate District Lodge, and to elect, for the year, a District Master, a Deputy District Master, a District Secretary, and a District Treasurer, to be chosen on the second Tuesday in January in every year; and the persons entitled to sit and vote in the District Lodge shall be the District Officers, together with the Masters, Deputy Masters, Past Masters, and the Treasurers, Secretaries, and Senior Committee-men, of all Lodges meeting within the District.

72. It shall be the duty of the District Master (and in his absence that of a Brother deputed by him) to instal all Masters of new Lodges, see that all dues are paid, all annual returns made, and to report all defaults and irregularities to the County Master. All annual dues and returns of Members to be made not later than the first Monday in February in every year; and any Lodge failing to make such return, shall pay a fine of five shillings to the District Lodge.

73. District Masters shall visit the several Lodges within their Districts, as often as convenient, and at least once in every year: and shall have the power to correct all irregularities, taking for their guide the Constitution and Laws.

74. Any person being an Orangeman, and having withdrawn from constant and regular attendance, by *Certificate* or otherwise, and thereafter being deemed guilty of any crime unworthy the character of an Orangeman, his case shall be considered by the District Lodge, and if, after such consideration, it shall be decided that the charge involves expulsion, then he shall be notified, by the District Secretary, that the charge or charges preferred against him, will be heard and examined at the next ensuing District Lodge, and that he is required to appear with his *Certificate*, to answer such charges; in case of his non-appearance, and proof of the service of the notice having been made, then the decision of the

District Lodge as to the penalty of expulsion, shall be considered, and notice thereof shall be given to all parties concerned.

75. The District Master shall have power, to cause any subordinate Officer to be summoned before the District Lodge, for any refusal to obey his orders, given in conformity with the Constitution and Laws, and such summons shall be proceeded with, in manner and form, as pointed out in the regulations for County Lodges.

76. Upon any complaint being made against the Master of any Private Lodge, it shall be the duty of the District Master, to call a District Meeting within a reasonable time, not to exceed one month after such complaint shall have been made, and summon the party complained of to appear, and shall, at the same time, notify the parties complaining to attend, in order to substantiate his or their complaint.

77. The powers conferred, and the duties imposed upon, the District Master, may be exercised and performed by the Deputy District Master, and, in the absence of both, the said powers and duties may be exercised and performed by the senior Members of the Lodge present.

78. In case of any dispute arising between two Private Lodges, it shall be referred to the District Lodge for adjustment.

79. At a District Meeting a fee may be established, for District purposes, and, when so established, the Lodges and Officers within its limits shall be held liable for the same, under such regulations as may be adopted.

80. At all meetings of the District Lodge, before an adjournment, it shall be determined by vote, where the next meeting shall be held.

COUNTY LODGES.

81. The County Lodge is to consist of the County Officers, District Officers, Members of the Grand Committee resident

within the County, and Masters of Lodges; and in the absence of the Master of any Lodge, such person as the Lodge may authorise in his place, who are to meet on the first Monday in February in every year, and elect, for the year, a County Master, County Deputy Master, County Secretary, County Treasurer, County Chaplain, and County Proxy, (the latter, if convenient, to be resident at or near the seat of the Grand Lodge) and his duty shall be, to correspond with the County he may represent, to see that its affairs are punctually attended to.

82. Any Member of the County Lodge failing to attend, and not assigning any good reason for non-attendance, may be admonished or fined, at the discretion of the Lodge, the fine not to exceed five shillings.

83. It shall be the duty of the County Master, to counter-sign all Warrants issued during his term of Office, in his County; it being understood, that should anything occur, to induce him to withhold his signature, he shall at once acquaint the Right Worshipful the Grand Master, and the Brother to whom the Warrant is directed.

84. Upon any complaint being made against a District Master, it shall be the duty of the County Master, to call a County Meeting within a reasonable time, not to exceed one month after such complaint shall have been made, and summon the party complained of to appear, and shall, at the same time, notify the parties complaining to attend, in order to substantiate his or their complaint.

85. Should the complaining Brother or Brethren fail to appear, without assigning any reason, then shall the Lodge acquit the Brother or Brethren complained of, and shall, at their discretion, fine the complaining Brother or Brethren; or should the charge turn out to be frivolous or vexatious, the Lodge may, in addition to the fine, suspend the delinquent Brother or Brethren.

86. Should the defending Brother or Brethren fail to appear, without assigning any reason, then shall the Lodge proceed to examine witnesses, and to adjudge the case; and may.

according to its own opinion, in any matter, not distinctly coming under the special provisions of the Constitution, inflict a fine in a sum not exceeding 10s ; but, in all other matters, shall proceed upon the penalties set forth by the Constitution and Laws.

87. In all such cases, the County Master shall summon the meeting of the County Lodge, at some proper place, most convenient to all parties, except when decided otherwise at a previous County Meeting.

88. Members of County Lodges should have, at least, the Orange, Purple, Blue, and Royal Arch Degrees.

89. At a County Meeting a fee may be established for county purposes : and when so established, the Lodges and Officers within its limits, shall be held liable for the same, under such regulations as may be adopted.

90. Whenever any Lodge becomes dormant by the non-attendance of Members, or from any other cause, the Warrant, Lodge Chest, and other property of said Lodge, may at once be taken into possession by the County Master, with the advice of the County Lodge, in the name and on behalf of the County Lodge to which such Lodge has been attached ; and any claims for rent which may be standing against such property or Warrant, shall be liquidated by such County Lodge so taking possession, and any person or persons applying for such Warrant or property thereafter, shall re-imburse such County Lodge in any sum not exceeding one pound, paid by it on account of such Warrant, previous to receiving it.

91. Any dispute arising between two District Lodges, shall be referred to the County Lodge for adjustment.

92. At all meetings of the County Lodge, it shall be determined, before an adjournment, where the next meeting shall be held.

93. The County Master shall be particular to see, that the Grand Lodge dues of his County are punctually paid ; that all Returns are made ; and that the Order is in a complete and efficient state of organization. He will be the Local Adviser of the Right Worshipful the Grand Master, who will look

to him for the steady, proper, and successful working of the Order within his jurisdiction.

GRAND LODGE.

94. The title of the Grand Lodge is "*The Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of the Loyal Orange Institution of British America.*"

95. The Annual Session of the Grand Lodge commences on the third Tuesday in June in every year, at such place as may be appointed by resolution of the next preceding Annual Meeting. The election of Grand Officers for the year, will commence at twelve o'clock on the second day of the Session, when will be elected, the Right Worshipful the Grand Master and Sovereign, the Deputy Grand Masters, the Grand Chaplain, the Grand Treasurer, the Grand Secretary, the President of the Grand Committee, the Grand Lecturer, and the Grand Director of Ceremonies. These high dignitaries constitute the Executive of the Grand Lodge, and the Confidential Counsellors of the Grand Master. Immediately after their appointment, the Grand Lodge will all also elect, for the year, a Deputy Grand Treasurer, a Deputy Grand Secretary, a Grand Tyler, and so many Deputy Grand Chaplains and Deputy Grand Lecturers, as the interests of the Order may seem to require; and also appoint to the Grand Committee such Members of the Order, as from long services, distinguished merit, or other cause, it may deem just and necessary. The Members entitled to sit and vote in the Grand Lodge, are all present Grand Officers, all last past Grand Officers, being Members of a Private Lodge; all County Masters and County Proxies, all District Masters, all Masters of Private Lodges, (or the special Proxies of Lodges when the Master is not present), and all Members of the Grand Committee; *Provided always, that in no case, shall any Member exercise a plurality of votes.*

96. The following shall be the order of proceedings to be observed at all meetings of the Grand Lodge.

First. The Senior Grand Officer present shall take the Chair, and upon his call to "ORDER," all Members present shall immediately take their seats, and be strictly silent.

Second. The Grand Tyler (or his Deputy acting for the time being) shall then take charge of the door, receiving his instructions from the Chair.

Third. The Right Worshipful (or the Grand Officer presiding, as the case may be) shall then name the next Senior Grand Officer present, to whom he shall communicate the instructions given to the Grand Tyler, and who shall proceed forthwith to fill the Vice-Chair.

Fourth. The Grand Secretary shall then take down a return of all the Members of the Grand Lodge present, with the offices held by each respectively, (the Grand Master naming some two Brothers, one to examine silently, and the other to report the name and office openly); but no name shall be entered until the Presiding Officer shall say "RECORD," after having first asked, "ANY OBJECTION?" Should any objection be raised, the majority of the qualified Brothers present shall decide thereupon, and such decision shall be final.

Fifth. The Grand Lodge shall be then opened in the Royal Scarlet Degree, each Knight Companion being robed in a scarlet gown, trimmed with orange, purple, and blue fringe, and taking precedence right and left of the Chair, according to his rank in the Order. (The business of the Grand Lodge may afterwards be conducted in a lower Degree, should the Officer presiding see fit, or the interest of the Order require the same.)

Sixth. The Right Worshipful, (or the Officer presiding, as the case may be), may then address the Grand Lodge—should he think fit—and all Members are to be strictly silent while he does so.

Seventh. All Letters, Reports, and other Communications shall be then presented; and it shall be the right of any

Member present, to ask for the reading of any one or more of them.

Eighth. Committees on "Correspondence," "Finance," and "Annual Password," shall be then appointed.

Ninth. Notices of Motions, Resolutions, and Orders considered.

Tenth. General business connected with the Institution considered.

Eleventh. Reports from Committees.

Twelfth. The Grand Lodge closed in due form.

97. All Committees of the Grand Lodge, are to be elected by that Body, except power to the contrary be specially delegated by resolution.

98. No Member of the Grand Lodge, to whatever office appointed, can be allowed to take his seat, or to act in any capacity under such appointment, without having first paid all dues required by the Constitution and Laws.

99. The Grand Tyler shall receive 15s. a-day for every-day's service.

100. Members of the Grand Committee, shall pay yearly, in advance, Five Shillings to the Grand Lodge: *provided always*, that no Lodge shall place on the Grand Committee, more Members than in the proportion of one, to every ten of its Members returned.

101. No meeting of the Grand Lodge can be held, except the Grand Master, or a Deputy Grand Master, or the President of the Grand Committee, presides at such meeting, and except also, that at least twelve Members of the Royal Scarlet Order be present.

102. Visitors may be admitted to the meetings of the Grand Lodge, with the approbation of the Officer presiding.

103. The Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Masters, Grand Chaplain, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, Grand Lecturer, President of the Grand Committee, and the Grand Director of Ceremonies, are *ex officio* Members of all Lodges they may visit, and are entitled to exercise all the rights and powers of their respective offices therein, except in the distribu-

tion of the Lodge funds, the election of Officers, and the By-Laws of the Lodge.

104. At all meetings of the Grand Lodge, before an adjournment, it shall be determined by vote, where the next meeting will be held.

Duty of Grand Master.

105. The Grand Master may, at any time, direct the summoning of an emergent meeting of the Grand Lodge, and he shall at all times do so, when required by a Requisition, signed by any three Grand Officers, or by any twelve Masters of Private Lodges, with one County or District Master, in all cases stating the object for which such meeting is required, and for all meetings of the Grand Lodge, at least twelve day's notice must be given.

106. When the Grand Lodge is not in Session, the affairs of the Institution are directed by the Grand Master, who is the Head and Sovereign, and all Members are under his immediate guidance and control. His designation and that of the Senior Deputy Grand Master shall be "THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL;" and his Council shall consist of the Grand Officers of the Institution. Whenever his opinion is required upon matters of the Institution, his judgment shall be given in writing, which must be acted upon until reversed by the Grand Lodge.

107. Any vacancy created in the office of Grand Master, either by the death of the person filling it, by his permanent absence, or by any other cause, shall be filled up by the Senior Deputy Grand Master.

Duty of Grand Treasurer.

108. All Dues, Fees, and other Income, from whatever source derived, payable to the Grand Lodge, are to be paid to the Grand Treasurer, to be subject to the orders of the Grand Lodge, for the general purposes of the Association; and the Grand Treasurer shall, at every meeting of the Grand Lodge, and whenever required by the Grand Master, produce his books of account, with the proper vouchers, for examination and audit.

Duty of Grand Secretary.

109. The Grand Secretary is the Custodian of the Great Seals, Warrants and Warrant Plates, Minute Books, Books, Correspondence, Papers, and other property of the Grand Lodge. It is his duty to attend all meetings of the Grand Lodge, and to deliver up, when required by the Grand Master, or by vote of the Grand Lodge, all the property in his possession, or under his control, belonging or relating to the Association. His salary is to be fixed by the Grand Lodge from time to time.

Duty of the Grand Lecturer.

110. It shall be the duty of this Officer, (and of his Deputies), to act under the direction of the Grand Officers, when and in such manner as may be required; and the Grand Officers have power to award (out of the Grand Lodge funds) such reasonable remuneration for their expenses and loss of time, as may be deemed adequate and proper.

Duty of the Grand Director of Ceremonies.

111. The duty of this Officer is, to attend all meetings of the Grand Lodge, and all meetings specially presided over by the Grand Master, where the ensign or standard of the Grand Lodge may be displayed, so as to indicate the presence of Head Quarters. He will have charge of all that relates to cavalcades, processions, and public ceremonials. He will marshal and arrange all Lodges, Orders, and Degrees of the Institution, according to law and usage, and take charge generally, of all matters which may relate to the proper order of Lodges, the station and precedence of Officers and Members, and the dress and insignia to be worn by them.

Duty of Deputies.

112. The Deputy Grand Treasurer, Deputy Grand Secretary, Deputy Grand Lecturers, and all Deputies of the Grand Director of Ceremonies, shall be aiding and assisting the Heads of their respective Departments, and shall strictly obey all such instructions as they may receive from them.

Precedence of Members.

113. The precedence of all Officers in the Institution, is decided in the following order :—

1. The Grand Master.
2. The last Past Grand Master.
3. The Senior Deputy Grand Master.
4. The last Past Senior Deputy Grand Master.
5. The Junior Grand Masters, by seniority.
6. The Grand Chaplain.
7. The Grand Treasurer.
8. The Grand Secretary.
9. The President of the Grand Committee.
10. The Grand Lecturer.
11. The Grand Director of Ceremonies.
12. The Deputy Grand Chaplains.
13. The Deputy Grand Treasurer.
14. The Deputy Grand Secretary.
15. The Members of the Grand Committee.
16. The County Masters.
17. The last Past County Masters.
18. District Masters.
19. The last Past District Masters.
20. Masters of Lodges, according to the number of their Warrants.
21. County Deputy Masters.
22. County Chaplains.
23. County Treasurers.
24. County Secretaries.
25. Deputy District Masters.
26. District Treasurers.
27. District Secretaries.
28. Last Past Masters.
29. Deputy Masters of Lodges.
30. Treasurers of Lodges.
31. Secretaries of Lodges.
32. Committee-men of Lodges, according to their appointment.
33. Private Members.

114. No change or alteration in the Constitution and Laws of the Order can be made, except by the Grand Lodge, nor shall they be changed or altered by that body, except two-thirds at least, of the Members present at such meeting concur in the proposed change.

County Master, and the other to be forwarded to the Grand Lodge.

Form of ANNUAL RETURN from a Private Lodge to the District Master.

No.	Names.	Age.	Residence.	Occupation.	New Initiated	Joined by Certificate.	Withdrawn.	Suspended.	Expelled.	Amount Collected.				Amount Expended.				Remarks.
1	William Graham	22	Cavan	Yeoman	5	—	—	—	—	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.			
2	Thomas Gowan	37	Gananoque	Merchant	—	3	—	—	—	1	11	3	1	0	0			
3	John Horton	51	Leeds	Carpenter	4	—	—	—	—	0	10	0	0	6	0			
4	John Wilson		Artemesia	Esquire	17	3	1	1	2	1	0	0	0	15	0			
										3	16	8	1	5	0			

I certify that the foregoing is a correct return of Loyal Orange Lodge, No. _____ held
 at _____ in the District of _____ and
 County of _____ for the Year ending 31st December, 185 , and
 which Lodge meets at _____ on the _____

Master.

Secretary.

Form of ANNUAL RETURN from a District Master to the County Master.

No. of the Lodges.	Masters' Names.	Days of Meeting.	Places of Meeting.	No. of Members.	Remarks.
26	John Johnston	First Monday	Ardstraw	61	In good order.
102	William Allen	Second Thursday	Tecumseh	23	Fast increasing.
651	Richard Armstrong	First Wednesday	Uxbridge	47	Stationary.
698	Hugh Howard	Third Tuesday	Adelaide	17	Declining.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct return of the several Lodges meeting within the District of _____ in the County of _____ for the Year ending 31st December, 185 _____

District Master.

District Secretary.

Note.—Two of these forms are to be made out by every District Master; one to be kept by the County Master, and the other to be forwarded to the Grand Lodge.

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